

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An improved side seal strapping machine is configured to feed a strapping material around a load, position, tension and seal the strapping material around the load. The machine is configured for strapping relatively incompressible, debris laden loads. The machine includes a frame having a biased, movable carriage mounted to a side thereof, a modular sealing head mounted to the carriage and a modular feed head mounted to the carriage. A strap chute is mounted to the frame. The chute has a movable bottom chute section and a movable lower head-side section adjacent the sealing head. The movable lower head-side chute section is movable with the carriage, and the movable lower head-side chute section and the bottom section are hingedly connected to one another for cooperative movement. A passive debris ejection system includes openings formed in the bottom chute section and openings formed at junctures of the bottom chute section and sections adjacent thereto.